

RISING PRICES IN COAL PREDICTED BY TRADE EDITOR

November 'Slump' in Fuel Trade Believed to Have Hit Bottom Now.

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Coal prices right now appear to have hit absolute bottom for this season and the householder with an empty bin will have no better chance to lay in his winter stock.

The November "slump" in the coal trade is coming to a close. It takes place every year in the face of railroad strikes, car shortages, mine strikes and what not. It is that period of lull that intervenes between the time when the first cold snap sends the last minute trade shouting into the retailers' yard yelling for "five tons of coal right away."

From now on the probabilities are for rising prices. They have begun in certain parts of the East already and the Middle West reports this week tall of increased demand.

Due to warm weather, the speed with which the operators have been hoisting fuel and a marked improvement in the car situation, reserves have been accumulating for several weeks and prices have slipped, and gone down, concerns on the part of dealers anxious to move all the coal possible. In the Chicago district, mine prices of screenings have dropped from \$3.50 to \$1.50 and Southern Illinois mine run is \$5.50 at the mines. The mine price of Pocahontas is \$6 and anthracite is offered at \$12.80 f. o. b. at Chicago.

The movement of lake coal is coming to an end. Estimates this week are that a million tons of anthracite and 18,000,000 tons of bituminous will reach the upper lake docks for the northwest this season, which will prevent any famine in that district, save in the case of anthracite, and householders will be obliged to substitute soft coal for about 40 per cent of their usual anthracite needs.

The last weekly report of the Geological Survey gave a weekly output of 11,000,000 tons bituminous and 2,000,000 tons of anthracite, a marked increase and nearly a record for the year. Reports of a drought in the anthracite area of Pennsylvania also causing some uneasiness. Reservoirs are about empty and there is fear that some of the colliers will be obliged to close down.

For a month past buyers have been holding back in the belief that the end of the lake shipping season would release more cars and cause a further reduction of coal prices. It is most unlikely that there will be any such result for there is a big demand for other lines of industry for the cars that have been assigned to the coal trade under emergency national and state orders.

There has been very little free coal on the tracks at Chicago or Detroit, or in the east, showing how carefully the car supply is being rationed.

Coal Strike Feared. Indications of another coal strike next April are still present, but many operators and trade authorities are convinced that the President's coal board will have made enough progress and revealed enough of the true facts in the industry so that congress will be forced to act and prevent any such occurrence if the miners and owners themselves can not prevent it. A meeting of a special wage committee will be held in Chicago December 6, to arrange for a fall conference between the operators and the miner's union at Cleveland on January 3. Just now the trade is pinning its hopes of peace in the industry next year on this conference. It hopes also that wage reductions may be arranged so that present inflated mine costs may be reduced and coal be sold at a more reasonable figure than for two years past.

Reports from state boards in the west recently that the majority of operators have taken no advantage of the strike to increase prices this fall have caused much gratification. Statements

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STURGISS WANTS DEED SET ASIDE

Aged Morgantown Jurist Admits Owns Mental Incompetence in Court Action.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Nov. 27.—Mental and physical incompetence to transact business, and undue influence upon him are alleged by George C. Sturgiss, former judge of the circuit court, in asking to have set aside a deed he gave for 2,500 acres of mountain land for which he was to receive \$32,000. The action is brought against the "Derry" Investment Co., James H. McGrew and James R. Moreland, and asks that the property be returned to him.

The land is in Monongalia and Preston counties, and in these proceedings Judge Sturgiss sets a value of \$30,000 on the land, alone with an added \$10 an acre, of \$25,000, for the timber on it. Mr. McGrew and Mrs. Moreland, who are two of the four trustees appointed a year ago to handle the affair of Judge Sturgiss, deny his claims, and says he opened the negotiations for sale of the property having been presented in open court. When the sale was presented to the circuit court Judge Lattelle refused to confirm it, a bonafide, upset bid for \$10,000 for the property having been presented in open court.

Judge Sturgiss, who is 80 years old, built the Morgantown & Kinwood Railroad, now a part of the Baltimore & Ohio System, was instrumental in building the Monongahela Railway and gave to the United States Steel corporation the site of the Sabaton tin mill at Sturgiss City.

WEST VIRGINIANS WILL BE TRAINED AS FLIERS

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Nov. 27.—If ever there comes a call for the service of the reserve army, West Virginia will be able to provide its own aviation officers, and the headquarters of the 100th Division, Organized Reserve, has recently received word assuring that these fliers will have opportunities for training in the meantime.

The 100th Division, which covers the state of West Virginia and a section of Ohio, now has sixty air service reserve officers on its roll, of whom forty five are in West Virginia, the other fifteen being in and about Cincinnati.

A letter from army officials in Washington notified the division headquarters of the purchase and improvement of a flying field of 100 acres of Blue Ash, Ohio, thirteen miles from Cincinnati, of which the 100th division reserve officers may have the use for keeping up their training.

Grissard Field is its name and it was dedicated August 5, after being purchased by a corporation which, besides using it commercially, has offered the training opportunities for the reserves and also offered it to the air mail service for a landing field.

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